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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Thursday, June 30, 2005 3:30 p.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence Thursday, June 30, 2005 7:15 a.m.
Nature of Event: Man Barricades Self in Colfax Home for Eight Hours
Location of Call: Colfax

Released by: Dena Erwin, CSO (530) 889-6922

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

A man with a violent history and mental health problems barricaded himself inside his Colfax home for eight hours Friday after threatening to kill his neighbor.

Deputies were called to the 100 block of North Foresthill Street in Colfax at 7:15 a.m. when a resident called 911 and said their neighbor, Robert Paul Medina, had threatened to kill him. When officers arrived, Medina retreated into his home. He remained inside until 3:15 p.m., when the Placer County Sheriff Department's Special Enforcement Team introduced gas projectiles. Medina broke out an upstairs window, cutting his arm, and climbed down a fire-escape ladder. He was transported for medical treatment and will then be booked at the Placer County Jail in Auburn.

Earlier in the day, the Sheriff Department's bomb squad robot was used to take a telephone into the suspect's house, enabling members of the Hostage Negotiations Team to converse with Medina throughout the day. The Special Enforcement Team surrounded the home since Medina is known to possess swords and knives.

Mental health professionals told deputies that Medina, 32, is violent and unstable. On June 28, Medina fled from California Highway Patrol officers while wearing black "Ninja" clothing and carrying a sword. He was able to avoid capture, but officers later found the sword.

The suspect is also wanted on a \$45,000 warrant for spousal abuse, aggravated assault and false imprisonment.

Note: Photos of Medina should be available Friday. For further information contact Lt. George Malim at (530) 889-7862.

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